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Fire in Boeing 734

*457. SHRI MRUTUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry into the damage caused by fire to the Indian Airlines Boeing 734 has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the name of investigating agency; and

(c) when the final enquiry report is likely to be received?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER IF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI M.O.H. FAROOK). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Preliminary investigation by a Committee appointed by Director General of Civil Aviation indicates that the fire originated from pneumatic continuous flow control unit of the oxygen system. The report is being finalised.

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Sir, ever since 1980, how many accidents have taken place and how much damage to property has been incurred? How many people have lost their lives while travelling by indian Airlines flights and whether investigations have been conducted and completed in time?

Sir, the Reports of the Sub-Committee have always been delayed. In particular, I would like to know- because the nation has been gravely concerned about this from the hon Minister as to what happened to the Report of Aircrash which killed Shn Sanjay Gandhi in 1980.

SHRI M.O.H FAROOK: Sir, the hon Member is asking the Reports from 1980 onwards. For that, a separate question should be asked. But, I can tell him that these are all complex issues. Global implications are involved. We must be very very sure about the whole matter. Therefore, it takes time to come to a decision because, it involves so many agencies, including foreign agencies also.

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK. What are the precedents and practices followed in deciding the criteria for the constitution of such investigation Committees and how the Reports are accepted by the Government ?

SHRI M.O.H. FAROOK: Sir, the point is that when any major defect is noticed, immediately, DGCA goes there. He appoints a Committee and then investigation goes on.

When they start it, they just involve Federal Aviation and Administration into it, and then the manufactures are also involved into this matter. A final report is being looked into. All aspects have to be taken into consideration Finally, a report is compiled and given to the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Question Hour is over

[*English*]

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Air India Fares

*458. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India fares are much higher as compared to other international Airlines,

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the profitability of the Air India and bring down the fares to the level of other international Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No , Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for Irrigation and Flood Control

*459. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by the Union Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for irrigation and flood control purposes during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the allocation made has been fully utilised by the State Government; and

(c) if not,, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). The expenditure incurred by the State Government during each of the last three years has been more than the approved plan allocation because the State Government has spent large amount of money on unproved projects also.

STATEMENT

Statement Indicating Approved Outlays and the Expenditure incurred during each of the last Three Financial Years on Irrigation and Flood Control Purposes in Andhra Pradesh.

Year	*Plan outlay (in Rs. crores)*	*Expenditure (in Rs. crores)*	*Expenditure on projects not yet approved (in Rs. crores)*
1988-89	300.00	331.62	103.39
1989-90	300.00	328.38	122.13
1990-91	300 00	340.61	97.02

T.V. Programmes by Private Agencies

*460. SHRI M V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASA):

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to engage private agencies on a time slot basis to produce programmes for the second channel till the recommendations of the Vardan and Damodaran Committees on competition in electronic media are implemented;

(b) if so, the details of the agencies which have shown interest;

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to take a decision in this regard; and

(d) the extent to which the step taken by the Government is likely to check the invasion of foreign networks in the country?